

REMARKS

Claims 16-26 are now pending, with Claim 16 being the sole independent claim.

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Applicants note that originally filed Claim 15 was mistakenly identified as Claim 19. Applicants have cancelled this claim without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 16-26 have been added. Support for the sequence identities and the Clustal method recited in Claims 16-17 is found at least in the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 36 and continuing to page 12, line 19, of the specification. Support for Claims 18 and 19 is found at least in cancelled Claims 2-3. Support for the use of the term "recombinant" in Claims 21, 23, 24 and 25, is found at least in the paragraph at page 9, lines 28-30, of the specification. Support for Claims 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25 are found at least in Examples 8-10, pages 39-43 of the specification. Support for Claim 26 is found at least in cancelled Claim 14. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended at two locations to remove reference to the following URL: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/.

A Correction of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), along with the requisite fee, is filed simultaneously herewith.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-10, 13-14, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide SEQ ID NO:30 encoding a plant cysteine γ synthase of SEQ ID NO:31, a cell and plant transformed therewith and method for altering the level of cysteine γ synthase in a host cell, classified in class 800, subclass 278 for example. SEQ ID NO:31 is an amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 90-1067 of SEQ ID NO:30. This election is made subject to Applicants' right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in a divisional or divisional cases pursuant to 37 USC §121.

Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 16-26 are directed to the subject matter of Group I.

A Petition for a one (1) month Extension of Time accompanies this Response.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment of fees which are required in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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